## Contact Our Victim Services Team:

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Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.

# We Want to Stop People Who Hurt You...

We will see if criminal charges can be brought against those who hurt you, but we need your help. We would like to talk to you about what happened. It is important to tell us the truth. If you are afraid of someone, please tell us. We will work to protect you and your family.



#### **Sheriff Deborah K. Burchett**

#### **Clark County Sheriff's Office**

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Domestic Violence,
Sexual Assault,
Strangulation &
Stalking

Victims' Rights and Services

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#### **Did You Know?**

Our team of professionals are here to help protect and serve victims, build trust, and restore hope.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office has recently formed a team of professionals who are working to improve the response to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking & strangulation cases in Clark County.

Our team will follow up with victims of these crimes and help them to get the services they want / need. We believe that all victims of these crimes deserve full, compassionate responses and access to quality services.







#### **How Safe Are You?**

#### **Ask yourself:**

- Does my partner shame me or humiliate me in front of others?
- Does my partner control where I go, who I talk to, and how I spend my money?
- Has my partner hurt or threatened me, or forced me to have sex?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your health and safety may be in danger.

### If your safety is at risk, here's how you can protect yourself:

- Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.
- Pack a bag of necessary items for you and your children in case you have to leave suddenly. Give the bag to someone you trust for safekeeping.
- Have a safety plan with your children.
   Decide a code word to be used in case of an emergency.
- You are not alone...call for help. Utilize community resources to keep everyone safe.

### **Victim's Have Rights:**

- Right to be treated with fairness and respect regarding your safety, dignity, and privacy.
- Reasonable protection from the accused or anyone acting on his or her behalf.
- Refuse to answer questions from the offender or any person representing the offender
- Proceedings that are free from unreasonable delay and a prompt conclusion of the case.
- Receive full and timely restitution.
- Access to the attorney for the government.

### Victim's May Request Their Right to:

- A timely notice of all public proceedings involving the crime against you and attend them.
- Speak at any proceeding involving an offender's release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole.
- Receive notice if the offender is released or escapes.
- Assert these rights yourself, through a representative, or by asking the prosecuting attorney. If your relief is denied, you may appeal to your local district court of appeals.